

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The present application includes pending claims 1-29, of which 23-27 and 29 have been rejected. By this Amendment, claims 19 and 21 have been amended, as set forth above, to correct for minor informalities. The Applicants do not believe that these amendments affect allowability of the claims. The Applicants have canceled claims 23-29 without prejudice. The Applicants intend to further prosecute these canceled claims in a subsequent continuation application.

Claim 28 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants have added new claim 30, which corresponds to objected claim 28 with all of the limitations of its independent claim 26. The Applicants have also entered new claims 31-52 that correspond to allowed claims 1-21. Claim 31 corresponds to allowed claim 1 with a minor correction that, the Applicants submit, does not affect allowability of the claims. New claims 32-52 are the same as allowed dependent claims 2-21, except that new claims 32-52 are dependent on new claim 31 rather than allowed claim 1.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-22, and indication in the Office Action that a claim which corresponds to

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new claim 30 would be allowable as well. The Applicants believe that all claims 1-22 and 30-52 define patentable subject matter and are in condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

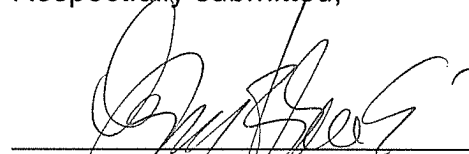
Based on the foregoing, the Applicants believe that all claims 1-22 and 30-52 are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner disagrees, the Applicants respectfully request a telephone interview, and request that the Examiner telephone the undersigned Attorney at (312) 775-8176.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

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